

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Thursday 14 January 2016

Present:-

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| Superintendent Sam De Reya | - Devon and Cornwall Police |
| Karime Hassan | - Exeter City Council |
| Simon Bowkett | - Exeter CVS |
| Denise Dearden | - Trading Standards |
| Nigel Deasy | - Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service |
| Councillor Peter Edwards | - Exeter City Council |
| Steve Jones | - Youth Offending Service |
| Simon Lane | - Exeter City Council |
| Robert Norley | - Exeter City Council |
| Melinda Pogue-Jackson | - Exeter City Council |
| County Councillor P Prowse | - Devon County Councillor |
| Lisa Rutter | - Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon |
| Richard Clarke | - RD&E NHS Foundation Trust |
| Mike Hamilton | - Community Rehabilitation Company |
| Martin Burrow | - Devon & Cornwall Constabulary |
| Belinda Brint | - NHS England |
| Jo Quinnell | - Exeter City Council |

Apologies:-

Nicola Channon - Safer Devon Partnership

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INTRODUCTIONS

The Group welcomed Superintendent Sam de Reya to the meeting.

Representatives at the meeting introduced themselves and informed the Group of their role and how they can contribute to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

There was now an opportunity to look at revising the CSP Strategy, Action Plan and Terms of Reference. The new Strategy would include how partners can work together, staying informed and carrying out good practice with all contributing to problem solving, and identify what crime and disorder may look like in the next five years.

It was also suggested that meetings can be themed to enable the Partnership to concentrate on priority areas at each meeting.

Agreed that:

- (1) Superintendent Sam de Reya take on the role of Chair of the Partnership
- (2) The Chair circulate the draft Strategy, Action Plan and Terms of Reference with the minutes
- (3) Members of the Group to submit comments on the drafts circulated for agreement.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 21 OCTOBER 2015

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21 October 2015 were agreed.

CSP Webpage Refresh

Exeter City Council's website was in the process of being relaunched. Some work had been done on the CSP website, but further discussions needed to be held.

Agreed that the Chair, Simon Lane and Rebecca Weale meet to progress further.

Annual Conference Options

Robert Norley reported that presentations would be specifically targeted to stakeholders, eg Business Improvement District, which would prove more valuable in raising awareness and how they can contribute. A programme of events would be produced and circulated prior to the next meeting for thoughts and any offers of assistance for presentations.

Agreed that Robert Norley circulate a programme of events by the end of January.

Graffiti

Councillor Prowse referred to the increase in graffiti and the number of active operations that had recently taken place. It was noted that four arrests had been made and were on bail. The outcome will be decided by the Magistrates.

The arrests were as a result of good partnership work with the City Council who had presented a number of evidence files to the policing team. A joint press release would be released with links to the CSP when these cases had been decided by the courts.

INTRODUCTION TO SOUTH WEST VIOLENCE REDUCTION NURSE - BELINDA BRINT

The Group welcomed Belinda Brint, Violence Reduction Nurse for the South West to the meeting.

Violence Reduction Nurses were being rolled out nationally, and Belinda advised that she was in this role for one day a week and clinical for the remainder of the week.

The main part of her role is to ensure compliance of violence related data in hospitals and the sharing of data with appropriate agencies with the aim of reducing hospital admissions from violence related incidents. Information gathered includes where the incident occurs, whether it was alcohol related, and what weapon was used.

Data is anonymised, but is used to pinpoint hot spots to look at ways to implement change, and can be used as evidence for renewals of premises licences where continual offences take place, eg restrictions on licences such as the use of safety glass which drastically reduces glass related incidents to hospital. Any proposed change to licences need to be proportionate and relevant - where glass has been a major factor or where there is a risk of violence within an establishment.

The introduction of the Help Zone had also reduced the burden on ambulance services, generally dealing with 7-10 people a night.

There are some gaps in minor injury reporting. Data is collected through the Assault Related Injuries Database (ARID) which is funded by the Safer Devon Partnership. It was hoped that funding will continue for a further 12 months.

There needed to be some improvement to the quality of data as some ward clerks do not have access to ARID and often ambulance data is missing.

ARID data is sent on a regular basis to Trading Standards and the Licensing Team at Exeter City Council, and it is helpful to identify if under 18s are involved. Information collected via ARID is compared to police data, and also discussed at the Exeter Licensing Issues Group.

Further consideration needed to be given on how best to use the ARID data – there was also a role for the Fire Service and Police as well.

Agreed that:

- (1) The Chair, Nigel Deasy and Simon Lane have a conversation outside of the meeting to discuss how best to use the data from ARID.
- (2) Partners to make contact with Belinda if they feel that sharing of ARID data may be useful to their organisation.

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MISSING AND CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION PANEL - LISA RUTTER

Lisa Rutter gave a presentation on the new Missing and Child Sexual Exploitation (MACSE) forum.

A report from DCLG by Louise Casey was circulated on 'Reflections on child sexual exploitation'. Lisa highlighted the last few pages of the report on the role of community safety in disruption. Powers in housing were already being used.

This hasn't been recognised in the past but it was important to inform everyone of the signs and that it is linked to the taxi trade, drugs, homelessness, young people going missing and not attending school, and anti social behaviour.

The Group considered that this should be looked at as a theme for the next meeting to include the powers that can be used. Lisa would supply statistics on the number of people missing and potentially at risk. Exeter has the highest number of repeat children going missing in Devon, which was highlighted at the Modern Slavery Conference.

An awareness session with the late night entertainment and taxi trade industry would be held on 28 January.

Reference was also made to some training sessions using the South West Grid for Learning (<http://swgfl.org.uk/>) website.

A number of schools had developed their own policy, and they need to be encouraged to report incidents. Some cautions had been issued but no further action taken relating to photo exchanges between students.

Sharing images can be the cultural norm for young people, but can easily escalate. The Safer Schools Partnership had been focussed on what students think is innocent 'low level' sharing but is technically illegal.

The CSP funds the Soloman Project which provides a whole day programme for Year 9 students. A debate was held on whether Year 9 is too late as there had been incidents of children sharing images in Year 7. A discussion was held on how schools measure the impact and whether they link in to the Safer Schools Partnership. Melinda Pogue-Jackson advised that a workshop was held with the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Forum and it did identify that the interventions need to start at an early age and throughout school life.

Agreed that:

- (1) CSE would be the main theme for the next meeting – to invite Nick or a Reach worker to take part in discussions
- (2) The Chair would identify whether any progress was being made to produce a Force-wide CSE policy to ensure consistency
- (3) Simon Lane to review options for a positive intervention earlier than Year 9

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UPDATES FROM WORK STRANDS

5a **Rough Sleeping - Sam De Reya**

The Chair referred to the escalating problem identified from intelligence and professionals around intimidating groups of people gathering in the city.

Over the next two weekends, an operation would take place in the city where extra patrols will be in place.

In the longer term the City Centre Issues Group would take on the area as a priority. The Chair advised that she would be looking to chair that group also for 6-12 months to gather some momentum and to get different partners involved. A strategic approach would need to be taken, linking in with Integrated Care for Exeter (ICE) and the new Wellbeing Hub at Wat Tyler House, and how the Partnership can influence and support this work without duplication. There also needs to be an increase in understanding around St Petrocks and Gabriel House as to why these are not being used. The Chair, Councillor Edwards and Karime Hassan would visit St Petrocks and Gabriel House to review the provision.

There was an element of street attachment and attachment to the street community. There had been reports of an increase in illicit drugs, not just legal highs. An overarching strategy was required to deal with the complex needs of individuals, including mental health, and links could be made with Making Ever Adult Matter (MEAM) which provides a framework for developing a coordinated approach for clients with multiple needs.

A discussion was held on the need for an effective exit package involving the engagement of a range of services.

Designing out crime can also play a part and the police architectural liaison officer can submit comments on change of use premises, and build this into approvals, such as removal of shrubbery.

Graffiti and flyposting issues are wider than the city centre so it was proposed it would now sit within the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team (ASBAT).

Agreed that:

- (1) The Partnership formally ask the ICE Board to look at an 'exit offer';
- (2) the City Centre Issues Group to look at enforcement issues and bring the

- two together as a strategy;
(3) Graffiti and flyposting issues to now sit within the ASBAT

5b Domestic Family & Sexual Abuse - Melinda Pogue-Jackson

Melinda Pogue-Jackson reported that the Forum would be meeting on 4 February 2016 and she would report back to the next meeting.

Positive feedback had been received around the 16 Days of Action.

5c Anti-Social Behaviour - Robert Norley

Robert Norley reported that the Public Spaces Protection Order consultation period had been extended to the end of February. The proposal covers the City Centre and parts of St Thomas and controls are sought for the use of intoxicating substances (including drugs, legal highs and alcohol), urinating in the street, unauthorised encampments, begging and anti-social behaviour.

These powers will provide a tool for issues to be dealt with more quickly. The PSPO will allow officers to deter encamping within the PSPO area and it will enable officers to confiscate belongings that have been left behind when an individual leaves the area.

Modifications may be required as a result of the consultation. Due to the purdah period, the PSPO was likely to be considered at the full Council meeting in July.

The consultation and other documents such as Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the City Council's website -
<http://www.exeter.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=15612>

5d Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy - Robert Norley

Robert Norley reported that the revised Action Plan would be discussed at the next meeting and he would circulate this to Partnership members.

The Help Zone was a multi-agency hub which involved the ambulance service and street pastors which was helping to prevent the use of blue light services.

The Best Bar None Scheme aims to reduce alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour and now had 65 members. It has been shortlisted for the best new scheme in the country and the top best three schemes overall. The results will be announced on 3 February.

This has very much assisted the Taxi Marshall Scheme which is funded by the Taxi Forum. An extension to the taxi marshall scheme was being considered for other busy nights. Taxi ranks were being placed near to clubs to ensure a quick exit. There is some under reporting of violence and abuse to the taxi trade and Simon Lane and the Chair would meet to discuss further.

A number of projects were being undertaken:

- Dr Mark Tarrant from the University of Exeter was conducting a research project on students and the use of alcohol.
- Professor Cole from the University of Swansea was undertaking a project on the use of street pastors and mapping the mood within the city centre environment using social media so that intervention can be matched.
- Professor Mark Levine was conducting some research around the general

policing of the night time economy, and incidents and the impact of CCTV. He would also conduct interviews with victims.

- The Britain Thinks project would be canvassing stakeholders about the night time economy.
- The Community Alcohol Partnership was looking at anti-social behaviour issues associated with children purchasing alcohol from shops or via parents. There was currently a focus on street drinking, with a survey to be published. Links would be made with the Portman Group on how this data can be used.

Agreed that:

- (1) Simon Lane and the Chair meet to discuss issues about under reporting of violence and abuse to the taxi trade;
- (2) Robert Norley circulate the Action Plan.

5e Doorstep and Cyber Crime - Denise Dearden

Denise Dearden reported on the following strands of work that will take place from April 2016:

- (1) Cold telephone calls have been received from Exeter residents offering to re-evaluate their Council Tax at a cost of £65. Residents are able to do this for free, and it was suggested whether a reminder could be sent out with Council Tax bills. Councillor Edwards would look into this.
- (2) Trading Standards will be producing a 2017 calendar with messages about what to do in the event of a cold caller, which will be provided free of charge.
- (3) The possibility of opening a 'fake shop' which displays seized items and scam information, and information on the impact it has on those selling genuine articles. A similar project had been very successful and they were looking at replicating this in Exeter. Initial discussions had already taken place.
- (4) Work had been undertaken with the Police in North and West Devon on Operation Jessica which targets vulnerable individuals to educate them to reduce the likelihood of further victimisation. Denise would speak further to Martin Burrow to discuss a similar approach in Exeter.

Agreed that:

- (1) Councillor Edwards investigate the possibility of including a message on Council Tax bills around cold calling.
- (2) Denise Dearden and Martin Burrow meet to discuss whether a similar initiative to Operation Jessica can be carried out in Exeter.

5f Vulnerability (Modern Slavery/CSE) - Sam De Reya

This had been covered earlier in the meeting under the Missing and Child Sexual Exploitation Panel item.

6 FUNDING MONITORING - SIMON LANE

Simon Lane reported that the majority of the £20,000 budget for this year had been allocated.

50% of the funding is required to be on anti-social behaviour projects. The budget

for 2016/17 had not yet been agreed, but Simon would be asking the Safer Devon Partnership for the ASB caveat to be removed.

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CRIME FIGURES - SAM DE REYA

The Chair reported that there had been a reduction in crime by 8.7% overall, with a decrease in burglary. There had been an increase in sexual offences and drugs offences, but this may be due to particular operations that had taken place.

Emerging themes would be rough sleeping, CSE/missing children, legal highs intelligence and stalking/harassment.

Dog related offences would now be crimed.

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SAFER DEVON PARTNERSHIP - ROBERT NORLEY

Robert Norley reported on issues discussed at the last Safer Devon Partnership meeting.

There is a need to increase the speed in which any domestic violence victim referrals are processed. At present there is a 48 hour delay.

All organisations were being asked to look at their resilience plans with regards terrorist threat levels. If the threat level increased to critical this would mean mobilisation of police and military which were likely to be drawn away from Devon.

Analysis was being undertaken on mental health issues and the impact on community safety. Mental health services across the peninsula would be mapped with mental health profiles. It was anticipated that a report on the findings with recommendations will be available by August.

Examples of different ways of working were being looked at in times of austerity, such as the use of volunteers.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 12.06 pm)